

## SLOPER ENGRAVERS

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When I was in UK in 1993, I photocopied a few pages from the Sloper Workshop Impression Books which featured Australian perfins. From these pages I have since found several names of Sloper company employees who made various dies. I have now attempted to identify who these employees might be from the 1881 and 1901 Censuses of England and Wales, and I summarise the results of possible identities in the following table. The identities were mainly based on occupation (Percy and Eustace Sloper were described as "Engineer" and "Mechanical Engineer" respectively at the 1901 Census). I would be pleased to hear of any other known makers of Sloper dies, and also any additional information about this group of workers obtained by other researchers.

Name in Workbook	Year (approx)	Census entry/Possible Identity
H.S.	1866	(Horace Sloper - He does not appear in the 1881 Census. I think he may have been the H. Sloper who died in October-December quarter 1876, even though this one is listed as "Herbert". GRO reference vol. 1 a. page 40 1)
H. Harborow	1866	1881 - Henry A. Harborow, 4ly, b. Waltham Cross, Essex, telegraph instrument maker, at Norwood, Middx. From 1872 London Directory onwards, Henry Harborow & Co., 4 Circus St., Marylebone Rd, Telegraph engineers & instrument makers. 1891 - Henry Harborow, 52y. electrical instrument maker. at Tonbridge, Kent. 1901 - Henry Harborow, 63y, telegraph & electrical instrument maker, at Tonbridge. Kent.
F. Collins	1870	
J. Jameson	1870s	
T. Bell	1877	1881 - Thomas Bell, 45y. b. Poplar, Middx, driller & fitter. at 67 Glengall Rd, Middx (within 1 mile of Sloper's Tower Royal Works, Blackburn Rd. Hampstead!) 1892 Directory - Thomas Bell. 91 Priory Park Road. Kilburn. (St. Julian's Road ran off Priory Park Road).

Miss Keen	1878	Possibly the Annie Keen who married William Walker, cabinet maker, at Hampstead in the second quarter of 1878, and was living at 3 Crossfield Road. South Hampstead, at the 1881 Census. Crossfield Road is about 1 mile east of Blackburn Road. Annie Walker died at Hampstead in the last quarter of 1891. aged 38y.
A.J.F.	1885	
AB	1887	
Eyles	1888	1901 – Ralph Eyles, 51y, b. London, mechanical engineer, at Islington, Middx.
Gilbert	1889	1881 - John Gilbert, 49y, b. Soho, London. engraver (general), at London. (also 69y at 1901 Census)
Jones	1890	
Moore	1890	
Barker	1880s(?)	
Wight	?	
Brown	1900	
Wickens	1900	1901 - Herbert Wickens. 21 y. b. Hampstead. mechanical engineer, at 9 Loveridge Road. Hampstead, London. 1881 Census - 1 y, eldest child of Charles and Matilda Wickens, 55 Netherwood Street. Hampstead - a bit more than ½ mile from Blackburn Road.
Pearson	1900	
Smart	1900	1901 – Frederick Smart, 21y, b. Islington, mechanical engineer, at Hammersmith. 1881 Census – 1 y. eldest child of James and Ellen Smart.
Nugus	1900	1901 – Percy Nugus. 17y. b. Middx. apprentice mechanical engineer, at 4 Johnston Terrace, Hendon. Middx. Second son of William and Elizabeth Nugus. Johnston Terrace is about 1.5 miles NW of Blackburn Road.

In the map of West Hampstead and surrounding areas, below, St Julians's Road (residence of Joseph Sloper at 1871 and 1881 Censuses) is at grid reference E6/F6, Netherwood Street is at D3/F3, Glengall Road and Priory Park Road are at D7/F7, Loveridge Road is at D3/E3, and Crossfield Road is at V3. The grid squares on the map are 500 metres on each side.

